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Senate Special Committee studying Mutual Security Program retaining distinguished citizens as consultants to make field studies various areas. Former Ambassador ~~X~~ Norman Armour designated study Greece, Turkey and Iran. Will be accompanied by Mrs. Armour and David Hitchcock, Assistant to Senator Alexander Smith, acting as Armour's assistant. Armour to submit report to Committee on fundamental aims American foreign policy in area, extent to which aims promoted by MSP and recommendations for changes, if any. Will be concerned all substantive and administrative aspects military and non-military program activities. Short general briefing Washington by OTI, ICA and Defense. Also visits with Henderson, Murphy, Hollister and Hoover. Contemplates receiving details in field.

Executive ~~X~~ Branch regards Senate Study highly important and wishes utmost cooperation with consultants. All Country Teams requested provide fullest assistance their study and report Department. Missions should arrange accommodations, plan local briefings, visits with key officials and field surveys of major MSP projects. Armour also wishes opportunity

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Discussion with U.S. newsmen, missionaries, businessmen, etc., individually or in small groups.

All Country Team requested prepare tentative schedule. Athens requested send Department no later October 24 and others send Athens for Armour's approval.

Armour and Hitchcock will have top secret security clearances. Information and documents to be made available should follow pattern of treatment visiting Congressional groups. Use of local currencies from Congressional Travel Account, in accordance with Air Force 19FT561 authorized. Both authorized sign receipts. Use attache aircraft ~~for~~ regulations 76-6, paragraph 6E, ~~passage money~~ authorized by Defense. Congressional travel handbook applies. Make hotel reservations and confirm. Meet and assist. Background on Senate and other studies being pouched.

Ambassador and Mrs. Armour leave New York Oct. 26 on SS US; arrive Paris Oct. 31 by boat train from Le Havre.

Hitchcock leaves New York Nov. 1; arrives Paris Nov. 2, PAA #1144.

Party leaves Paris Nov. 4, TWA #820. ICA suggests mission consider including schedule: American farm school; Sivantinidias vocational school; Aleverri steam plant; Anthole projects; steel rolling mill and cement plant; fruit packing station.

Leave Athens Nov. 10, TK #602; arrive Ankara Nov. 10. Wish see military and economic program and visit Istanbul. ICA suggestions schedule air pouched.

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Leave Ankara Nov. 21, TK #218; arrive Istanbul, Nov. ~~22~~. Leave Istanbul Nov. 24, KIM #239; arrive Tehran, Nov. 24. Wish see Tabriz. ICA suggestions schedule air pouched. Leave Tehran Dec. 4, IR #204; arrive Beirut, Dec. 4 (one day stop-over). Leave Beirut Dec. 5, PAA #65; arrive Paris Dec. 5. Leave Paris Dec. 8; boat train to Le Havre. Leave Le Havre Dec. 9 on SS S arriving NY Dec. 14.

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